[13th March 1928

Village Establishments

Revision of the pay of village officers.

* 1697 *Q.*—Mr. V. RAMJEE RAO: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Village Officers' Association for the Presidency waited upon the Government for redressing their grievances and, if so, what was the reply given by the Government; and

(*b*) whether the Government propose to revise the scale of salaries of the village officers, including the menial servants, from the next official year in view of the remission of Provincial contribution?

A.—(*a*) Certain members of the Village Officers' Association made representations to the hon. the Revenue Member who told them that their representations would be considered.

(*b*) There is no such proposal before the Government other than the representations above referred to.

Depressed Classes

Fire accident in Avadi village.

* 1698 *Q.*—Mr. V. RAMJEE RAO: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government are aware of the fire accident in Avadi village, Godavari East district, which completely destroyed the huts and houses of the Adi-Andhras, on 13th February 1928;

(*b*) what sort of relief has been rendered to them by the Government or the head of the district for the reconstruction of their houses; and

(*c*) if no relief has yet been given, whether the Government will be pleased to issue necessary orders for the relief?

A.—The Government have no information, and do not propose to interfere with the discretion of the local authorities.

Mr. V. RAMJEE RAO:—"As regards the answer to clauses (*b*) and (*c*), will the Government be pleased to call for the information?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"Sir, the suggestion will be considered."

Appointment of teachers in labour schools.

* 1699 *Q.*—Mr. V. RAMJEE RAO: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of labour schools in each district of the Andhradesa and the number of teachers entertained in the labour schools of each district;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that Christian Adi-Andhra teachers are employed in the labour schools;

(*c*) the percentage of Hindu Adi-Andhra and Christian Adi-Andhra teachers appointed in each district in the labour schools;